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SUBJECT: ROK INTENDING TO ATTEND UNHRC SPECIAL SESSION

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(SBU) On August 9, poloff conveyed reftel points urging countries to oppose a special session of the UN Human Rights Council on the situation in Lebanon to Jang Hyun-cheol, Deputy Director of the Human Rights and Social Affairs Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Jang said he appreciated the USG position and it was unclear what the session could accomplish, but as a UNHRC member Seoul was not in a position to obstruct the OIC request for a meeting. It would make it easier for Seoul if EU countries spoke with one voice opposing the session or rejecting unhelpful language during discussions. He hoped the USG would soon become a UNHRC member to be able to present its voice at the table.  
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